

Somateria mollissima (Common Eider)

Priority 3 Species of Greatest Conservation Need (SGCN)

Class: Aves (Birds)

Order: Anseriformes (Waterfowl)

Family: Anatidae (Waterfowl)

General comments:

Status Secure

Added status for population type from Species Habitat table

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Species Conservation Range Maps for Common Eider:

Town Map: [Somateria mollissima_Towns.pdf](#)

Subwatershed Map: [Somateria mollissima_HUC12.pdf](#)

SGCN Priority Ranking - Designation Criteria:

Risk of Extirpation: NA

State Special Concern or NMFS Species of Concern: NA

Recent Significant Declines:

Common Eider is currently undergoing steep population declines, which has already led to, or if unchecked is likely to lead to, local extinction and/or range contraction.

Notes:

Based on a 2014 aerial survey estimating 14,500 breeding Common Eiders as compared to the past estimate of 29,000 breeding Common Eiders from the 2000 aerial survey.

Regional Endemic: NA

High Regional Conservation Priority: NA

High Climate Change Vulnerability: NA

Understudied rare taxa: NA

Historical: NA

Culturally Significant: NA

Habitats Assigned to Common Eider:

Formation Name Cliff & Rock

Macrogroup Name Rocky Coast

Habitat System Name: Acadian-North Atlantic Rocky Coast

Habitat System Name: North Atlantic Cobble Shore

Formation Name Grassland & Shrubland

Macrogroup Name Lake & River Shore

Habitat System Name: Laurentian-Acadian Lakeshore Beach

Stressors Assigned to Common Eider:

No Stressors Currently Assigned to Common Eider or other Priority 3 SGCN.

Species Level Conservation Actions Assigned to Common Eider:

No Species Specific Conservation Actions Currently Assigned to Common Eider or other Priority 3 SGCN.

Guild Level Conservation Actions:

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This Species is currently not attributed to a guild.

Broad Taxonomic Group Conservation Actions:

Relevant conservation actions for this species are assigned within broader taxonomic groups in Maine's 2015 Wildlife Action Plan: Element 4, Table 4-1.

Habitat Based Conservation Actions:

Additional conservation actions that may benefit habitat(s) associated with this species can be found in Maine's 2015 Wildlife Action Plan: Element 4, Table 4-15. Click on the Habitat Grouping of interest to launch a habitat based report summarizing relevant conservation actions and associated SGCN.

The Wildlife Action Plan was developed through a lengthy participatory process with state agencies, targeted conservation partners, and the general public. The Plan is non-regulatory. The species, stressors, and voluntary conservation actions identified in the Plan complement, but do not replace, existing work programs and priorities by state agencies and partners.